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integrated circuit to abut in pressing contact against at least one portion of the integrated circuit during a molding phase;

said first half-mold having an opening therein communicating with a back face of said elastically deformable membrane and for connection to a pressure source.

24. A mold according to Claim 23, wherein the at least one portion comprises a border portion of the integrated circuit.

25. A mold according to Claim 23, wherein said elastically deformable membrane comprises a cylindrical skirt connected to adjacent portions of the first half-mold, and an end carried by the cylindrical skirt.

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#### REMARKS

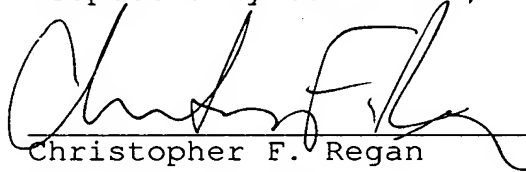
It is believed that all of the claims are patentable over the prior art. For better readability and the Examiner's convenience, the newly submitted claims differ from the translated counterpart claims, which are being canceled. The newly submitted claims do not represent changes or amendments that narrow the claim scope for any reason related to the statutory requirements for patentability. Accordingly, after the Examiner completes a thorough examination and finds the claims patentable, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested in due course. Should the Examiner determine any

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minor informalities that need to be addressed, he is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number below.

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